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This letter is for your consideration as part of the public comment ordered by the court concerning the penalty phase of the Microsoft antitrust case.

It is not necessary for me to express why Microsoft is guilty of "maintaining" a monopoly, the court has already found this as fact. My concern is, in light of recent world events and an economic slowdown, that our judicial system is in fact turning from its role of justice to one of politics. Justice demands that Microsoft give up its monopoly of the Windows operating systems, including:

Microsoft Windows 95,
Microsoft Windows 98,
Microsoft Windows 98 Second Edition,
Microsoft Windows Millennium Edition, and
Microsoft Windows XP Home Edition.

Microsoft has sufficient operating system competition in the business market to compete for its versions of

Microsoft NT, 2000, and XP Pro, to remain a viable and competitive company. But, unless the plug is pulled on the Home Operation System market while the opportunity exist, irreparable damage will result in our nations ability to continue being a leader in the microcomputer mass marketing arena.

Each industry goes through a period of time where a basic infrastructure has to grow. At some point, basic services, become so common place, that it remains inconsumable to imagine them being solely owned by one company. When that happens, entrepreneurship and competition stagnates. This is the case today with the consumer computer industry. Microsoft now controls what, how, when, and by whom, all new computer data communications technologies, peripheral hardware and software products will become marketable.

Microsoft once was a great company for America, but now has become her enemy, becoming more and more aggressively forced onto everything we do on computers today. If you must play politics, then demand justice first and foremost.

The court should order the public release of 100% of the proprietary information, compilation tools, and development software, concerning the above listed operating systems. In addition, the court should revoke the licenses of the OS and turn it over to the public domain, thus allowing competition to proceed now, and not wait for the endless appeals processes that Microsoft lawyers will undoubtedly use otherwise. Additionally, order Microsoft to place all of this data on high speed servers so that is readily available over the internet with a bandwidth that is at least equivalent to its current online support sites. Lastly, demand that this be done immediately without delay, and appoint court officials to oversee the process, imposing extremely heavy fines for non compliance and order a freeze of assets if Microsoft does not comply. Order future monitoring of Microsoft activities, and impose heavy fines if it regresses into future attempts to monopolize.

Now surely, companies will spring up selling exact copies of the current MS products, but that market will not last, it will be those companies that bring new innovations, tools, and improved security to the foreground that will get America back on track as the industry leader. Certainly, Microsoft will remain in the best position to compete in an open market. This action will give America the shot in the arm that it needs, whereas the current proposed penalties will result in further economic slowdown and create the unprecedented litigation that our economic future is to be driven by the whims of Mr. Bill Gates.

Thank you for requesting public opinion.

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